

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
BOARD MEETING SESSION – OFFICE OF DELTA WATERMASTER  
NOVEMBER 1, 2011**

**ITEM 9**

**SUBJECT**

INFORMATIONAL ITEM: REPORT ON STATEMENTS OF WATER DIVERSIONS AND USE:  
PROVIDING A BETTER PICTURE OF WATER USE IN THE DELTA

**DISCUSSION**

California Water Code Section 85230(d) directs the State's Delta Watermaster (Watermaster) to submit regular reports to the State Water Board on water rights administration, water quality issues, and conveyance operations. The Watermaster has completed a report entitled [Statements of Water Diversions and Use: Providing a Better Picture of Water Use in the Delta.](#)

The report focuses on the State Water Board's Statements of Water Diversions & Use Program (Statements Program). The Statements Program is the record-keeper of information regarding the diversion and use of water. The report discusses the creation of the Statements Program and its goal to maintain statements of water diversion and use. A Statement of Water Diversion and Use contains general information on the place of use and diversion, the capacity of diversion works, and the months in which water was used in the preceding calendar year. When the program was first introduced, individuals who diverted water from a surface stream and whose diversions did not fall under specified exceptions were "required" to file a Statement of Water Diversion and Use. The report notes that the original legislation and amendments thereafter contained limitations such as exemptions to the filing requirement, which included numerous Delta diverters, and no penalties for non-filing. The report also discusses recent legislation changes made in the past few years which eliminate the exemptions, establishes penalties for non-compliance, and includes new reporting requirements that go into effect in 2012. In addition, the report includes attachments of a notice regarding the measuring requirements and a draft form of the Supplemental Statement of Water Diversion and Use for 2012.

**POLICY ISSUE**

None at this time. Informational Item.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None at this time. Informational Item.

**REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT**

None at this time. Informational Item.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the conclusions of this report be considered.

State Water Board action on this item will assist the Water Boards in reaching Goal 6 of the Strategic Plan Update: 2008-2012, to enhance consistency across the Water Boards, on an ongoing basis, to ensure our processes are effective, efficient, and predictable, and to promote fair and equitable application of laws, regulations, policies, and procedures.